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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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COMMENDING THE HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAI'I FOR THEIR  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADVANCING HAWAIIAN CULTURE.

1 WHEREAS, the HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAI'I shares the  
2 living teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so that all beings may  
3 enjoy lives of harmony, peace, and gratitude; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAI'I was  
6 established in 1889 for the well-being of thousands of Japanese  
7 who had migrated to Hawai'i, became a spiritual and cultural  
8 center of Japanese immigrant life, and grew into one of the most  
9 influential religious communities in Hawai'i; and  
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11 WHEREAS, on May 19, 1901, the mission was visited by Queen  
12 Lili'uokalani who accompanied her dear friend, Mrs. Mary Ward  
13 Foster, to the Hongwanji Hoonko service which honored Shinran  
14 Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism; the Queen's visit  
15 was a historical event with a significant impact on the Buddhist  
16 community in Hawai'i, as the Queen that day spoke of heritage to  
17 all who call Hawai'i home; and  
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19 WHEREAS, in 1976, the "Living Treasures of Hawai'i" program  
20 was created by the HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAI'I to share  
21 this heritage by recognizing and honoring individuals who have  
22 demonstrated excellence and extraordinary achievement in their  
23 particular field of endeavor, and who, through continuous  
24 growth, learning, and sharing, have made significant  
25 contributions toward enriching our society; and  
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27 WHEREAS, among those recognized as "Living Treasures of  
28 Hawai'i" are 'Iolani Luahine, Mary Kawena Pūku'i, Lokalia  
29 Montgomery, Edith Kanaka'ole, Gabby Pahinui, Alice Namakelua,  
30 Eddy Kamae, Abraham Akaka, Emma DeFries, Pilahi Paki, Richard  
31 Lyman, Jr., Ka'upena Wong, Jr., Sol Bright, Ho'oululahu Cambra-



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1 Richards, Kau'i Zuttermeister, Rubellite Johnson, Emma Sharpe,  
 2 Herb Kane, Irmgard Farden Aluli, Sally Wood Nalua'i, Gladys  
 3 Brandt, Ed Kealanahale, Agnes Cope, John Lake, Kahauanu Lake,  
 4 David Kaupu, Healani Doane, Kenneth Brown, George Kanahale,  
 5 Genoa Keawe, Uncle George Na'ope, Kekuni Blaisdell, Frances Damon  
 6 Holt, Moses Keale, Sr., Dwight Kauahikaua, Marie McDonald,  
 7 Hoakalei Kamau'u, David Kaohelauli'i, Don Ho, Deborah Kakalia,  
 8 Martha Hohu, Henry Auwae, Abraham Pi'ianai'a, Nainoa Thompson,  
 9 Rocky Jensen, Myron Thompson, Mary Kekuewa, Beatrice Freitas,  
 10 Edith McKenzie, Genoa Keawe, Pat Bacon, Momi Cazimero, Edward  
 11 Ka'anana, Richard Paglinawan, Dottie Thompson, Malia Craver, Mahi  
 12 Beamer, Dr. Charles Burrows, Nalani Olds, Puanani Burgess,  
 13 Elizabeth Jenkins, Dr. Claire Hughes, Josephine Fergerstrom,  
 14 Rev. Ida Chun, Lynette Paglinawan, Haunani Apoliona, Puanani  
 15 Alama Tom, Paulette Kahalepuna, Beatrice Dawson, Umi Kai, Nola  
 16 Nahulu, Hailama Farden, Earl Kawa'a, and other deserving  
 17 honorees; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAI'I has woven  
 20 the heritage and culture of Hawai'i respectfully and seamlessly  
 21 into its Buddhist teachings; now, therefore,  
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 24 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of  
 25 2019, that this body hereby commends, in the malama of Kaulua  
 26 and the rising of the Kūkahī, the HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF  
 27 HAWAI'I for supporting and advancing our Hawaiian Lāhui and  
 28 offers a warm aloha from the Hawai'i State Legislature Native  
 29 Hawaiian Caucus and its best wishes for continued success in all  
 30 future endeavors.  
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